(b) what are the criteria for issuing such passes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Presumably the reference is to the issue of free Complimentary Card Passes. A List of Persons/Organisations to whom these Card Passes were issued during 1984, 1985 and 1986, is attached [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 35]

(b) Each case is considered based on the broad guidelines prepared in this regard.

Airports without Telephone Facility

917. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the airports in the country which do not have a telephone connection; and

(b) by when these airports are likely to be equipped with telephone facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) 16 airports do not, at present, have telephone connections. These airports are Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Gorakhpur, Cooch-Bihar, Zero, Passighat, Jorhat, Daparizo, Along, Tezu, Rupsi, Kamalpur, Ratnagiri, Surat, Nanded and Aizwal.

(b) Out of 16 airports listed above, sanction has been accorded to the provision of telephone connection at 8 airports viz. Aizwal, Cooch-Behar, Ratnagiri, Jorhat, Rupsi, Tezu, Daparizo and Kamalpur airports, which will have telepohnes as soon as the Department of Tele-Communication is able to extend the Exchange line from city to the airport. The Department of Tele-Communication has been requested to examine the feasibility of providing telephones at the remaining 8 airports viz. Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Gorakhpur, Zero, Passighat, Along, Surat and Nanded. Telephones will be provided at these airports as soon as that Department is able to provide connection.

Delay in District Pattern Delivery System in RMS

918. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the new District Pattern Delivery System in the RMS is causing delay in the delivery of articles; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to revive the old "All Up Scheme" in the RMS?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir. There is no delay to mails in the new district pattern system.

(b) "All Up Scheme" is different from district pattern system. Under "All Up Scheme" all first class mails (Postcards inland letters, letters, money orders etc.) are given air transmission without air-surcharge wherever advantageous. This method of giving air transmission to all first class mails is being followed and wherever advantageous expanded to cover new towns and cities, which are on the Vayudoot map also in addition to Indian Airlines Corporation.

Multi Drug Treatment for Leprosy Patients in the Country

919. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the M.D.T. (Multi Drug Therapy) mode of treatment for leprosy patients is being made available in all the leprosy prone districts in the country, if so, the number of such districts in the country State-wise;

(b) if not, by when these districts will be covered by M.D.T.; and

(c) what is the financial assistance provided to various states by the Centre for M.D.T.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Multi Drug Therapy mode of treatment of Leprosy cases is being extended to the leprosy prone areas in a phased manner. M.D.T. treatment is in progress in the 16 districts as per list enclosed as Statement-I (*See* below).

It has also been decided to introduce MDT in the districts as per list enclosed as Statement-II (*See* below) during 1986-87. All the 76 highly endemic districts with the leprosy prevalance rate of 10 plus per thousand are proposed to be covered by MDT at the end of the 7th Five Year Plan.

(c) The State Governments are provided with additional financial assistance for the MDT Districts. The approximate additional cost at the prevailing rate for a district with a population of 2 million and prevalance rate of 10 per thousand and above is given below:-

(1) 3 years intensive phase Rs. 45.00 lakhs @ Rs. 15.00 lakhs per year.

(2) 5 years maintenance periad Rs. 40,00 lakh @ Rs. 800 lakhs per year.

Statement-I

1. LIST OF DISTRICTS UNDER MDT:

Andhra Pradesh

1. Srikakulam
2. Vizianagaram
3. Vishakapatnam

Maharashtra

4. Wardha
5. Amaravati

Orissa

6. Ganjam
7. Puri

Gujarat

8. Baroda

West Bengal

9. Purulia

Tamil Nadu

10. North Arcot
11. Chengalpatu

Uttar Pradesh

12. Varanasi
13. Dehradun

Karnataka

14. Belgaum
15. Dharwad

Bihar

16. Deoghar.

Statement-II

2. LIST OF DISTRICTS FOR TAKING UP FOR MULTI DRUG TREATMENT

Andhra Pradesh

1. East Godavari
2. Warangal
3. Chitoor
4. Cuddapah
5. Krishna
6. Nalgonda
7. West Godavari

Assam

8. Karbi Anglong

Bihar

9. Singhbhum

Gujarat

10. Valsad
11. Dangs.

Kerala

12. Alleppey

Lakshadweep

13. Lakshadweep

Madhya Pradesh

14. Raigarh

Maharashtra

15. Chandra Pur
16. Nanded
17. Gadchiroli
18. Osmanabad
19. Latur
20. Yavatmal
21. Sholapur

Nagaland

22. Mon

Orissa

23. Mayurbhanj

Tamil Nadu

24. Dharam Puri
25. Madurai
26. Periyar
27. Ramanathapuram
28. Anna
29. M.R.P.

Uttar Pradesh

30. Barabanki
31. Faizabad

West Bengal

32. Birbhum
33. Bankura

Pondicherry

34. Pondhicherry
35. Karaikal
26. Yanam
37. Maho.

Leakage of Chlorine Gas in the Office of the Controller of Stores, Calcutta Port Trust

920. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the Calcutta Port Trust (CPT) personnel and Firemen fell seriously ill after chlorine gas leaked from a cylinder in the office of the Controller of Stories, the CT, on Garden Reach Road on 7th January, 1987; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Out of 4 cylinders of chlorine gas which were declared empty and which were being removed from stores premises for returning to the supplier on 7th January, 1987, one started leaking. Due to leakage of chlorine gas, forty Calcutta Port Trust personnel were rushed to the Hospital and eighteen of them were hospitalised. Out of these hospitalised, two were seriously affected as they were asthmatic patients. One patient was under mental shock. All the patients were progressively discharged by 18th January, 1987, after treatment.

Container Handling Facilities at Ports

921. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal of opening up container handling facilities at the Ports in the country to non-resident Indians as well as to the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The concept of using funds of the private sector for the development of port facilities including container handling facilities has been accepted in principle.

(b) The details are yet to be worked out.

Night Landing Facilities at Airports

922. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) what are the plans of Government to provide night landing facilities at various airports in the country;

(b) what is the estimated expenditure involved therein; and

(c) by when, the airports in the country are likely to have night landing facilities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Improvement of existing facilities at airports, including night